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Summary: The event provides an opportunity to help the food shelf, Someplace Safe, and the PRCA, providing scholarships for the summer art camp.

(April 25, 2011)-The fourth annual Bread N' Bowls fundraising event is scheduled from 5:30 until 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, May 3, 2011, at the Morris Area Elementary School cafeteria. A meal of soups, homemade breads, beverages, and desserts donated by area businesses, organizations, and individuals will be served. Ceramic bowls made by UMM ceramics and Morris Area High School Art Club members are included with the meal purchase. The event supports three local community organizations: the Stevens County Food Shelf, Someplace Safe, and Prairie Renaissance Cultural Alliance (PRCA) children's programs.

"Our first Bread N' Bowls was four years ago as a service-learning project in Kevin Flicker's ceramics classes," says Argie Manolis, Office of Community Engagement coordinator. "The goal of the event is to raise awareness about, and attempt to stamp out, violence and poverty in our community."

All money from the fundraiser will go to help the Stevens County Food Shelf, Someplace Safe of Stevens County, and the Prairie Renaissance Cultural Alliance (PRCA). The money donated to PRCA will be used to provide scholarships to children in need to attend the annual Prairie Camp, an arts day camp for children in kindergarten through sixth grade.

"Right now, especially with the economic crisis, these places are serving more people with no change in resources," says Manolis. "It is an important time to support these organizations."

Nearly a dozen organizations and businesses contributed to this year's event. Sponsors include Amoco Food Shop, Bello Cucina, Casey's, Common Cup, Dairy Queen, Don's Cafe, Morris Evangelical Free Church, Federated Church, McDonald's, Met Lounge, Old #1, Pomme de Terre Food Co-op, Pizza Ranch, St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Subway, and Willie's Super Valu will provide soup, bread, desserts, and supplies. In addition, individuals have also offered to bring soup, homemade bread, and bars.

"There will be food available for people who have vegan, gluten-free, and vegetarian diets," Manolis noted.

The event will include entertainment for people of all ages provided by student and community musicians. The PRCA will provide free children's activities.

Tickets are \$10. Students and senior citizens are \$5. Kids five and under eat free. If you bring one of the Martin Luther King Day of Service freedom bells, which can be found in many locations around the community, you will receive \$1 off.

For more information about the event, contact Manolis at 320-589-6276.

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